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Annual Highlights

From our Senior Executive Director

Once again the members of the Military Training Network have demonstrated their dedicated professionalism in training members of the Department of Defense healthcare community. Your efforts are what make the MTN the "gold standard" for global, cost effective training. During Fiscal Year 2004, "you" trained over 230,000 personnel in MTN-sponsored trauma and resuscitative medicine courses with subsequent cost avoidance to DoD of nearly \$12 million. Your hard work also generated over 35,000 hours of continuing medical education credit. Forty-three percent of the units which received an MTN staff assistance visit rated a best practice score highlighting their dedication to excellence. I encourage you to continue the excellent training you are doing and look forward to working with you this year. BRAVO ZULU!

*Jane E. Mead, CAPT, NC, USN
Senior Executive Director*

National Faculty News

Congratulations to Navy Captain Mark Ralston, MD for his selection as the American Heart Association's Oversight Editor for Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) Student and Instructor Materials. Captain Ralston served as the MTN's Navy PALS National Faculty with distinction since 1999. His leadership and expertise will be missed as he moves on to oversee development and writing of AHA ECC Guidelines and the subsequent training and education materials.

Pediatric Educational Material

LTC Kevin Creamer, Army PALS National Faculty and Assistant Chief of Pediatrics, Clinical Services at Walter Reed Army Medical Center participated in the development of pediatric care educational material for deploying non-pediatric providers.

The HOSTILE ENVIRONMENTS LIFE-SAVING PEDIATRICS (HELP) program includes 6 hours of pediatric specific lectures on DVD (Recognizing and Resuscitating Critically Ill and Injured Children, Trauma and Burns, Nursing Assessment, PICU Management PRIMER for the CSH, Pain Management, Newborn Resuscitation Essentials, Humanitarian Care Overview and Intraosseous needle insertion demo). The VIRTUAL INTENSIVE PEDIATRIC EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE (VIPER) CD contains dozens of handouts, slides for the lectures, links to educational web sites, interactive pediatric resuscitation simulators, and Internet access to CME and CEUs. The format of the VIPER CD allowed for a wider distribution to individual military medical personnel deployed to or likely to be deployed to Combat Support Hospitals, including graduating residents of Army Surgery, Orthopedic, Anesthesia, Pediatric, and Emergency Medicine residencies.

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Staff Assistance Visit Hall of Fame

The staff assistance visits (SAV) conducted during the later part of FY 04 and the beginning of FY 05 have resulted in the following training sites being added to the Hall of Fame for achieving a compliance rating of 1 (>95%). Congratulations for a job well done:

BLS

NH Jacksonville
HM3 Jenson
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DSN 942-7383

10th Medical Group
US Air Force Academy
TSgt Benson
719-333-5858
DSN 333-5858

11th Medical Group
Bolling Air Force Base
TSgt Carr
202-404-3597
DSN 754-3597

21st Medical Group
Peterson Air Force Base
SSgt Gardner
719-556-1053
DSN 834-1053

ACLS

NH Jacksonville,
HM3 McCaughtry
904-542-7383
DSN 942-7383

10th Medical Group, US Air Force Academy,
Capt Houk
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PALS

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AHA ECC Programs

Emergency Cardiovascular Care Update (ECCU)

Mark your calendar to learn the latest information about the 2005 CPR and ECC Guidelines.

ECCU Conference

***22-25 June 2006
Disney's Coronado Springs Resort
Lake Buena Vista, Florida***

Hope to see each one of you during the conference!

CCPRF ECCU / MTN Partnership

MTN is currently working with the Citizen CPR Foundation (CCPRF) ECCU conference planners to provide high quality, recurring, and cost-effective general and military specific ECC education to our members. We are partnering with CCPRF to add a MTN Military Day Symposium to the ECCU conferences.

Through this partnership, MTN will tremendously enhance the value of its educational conferences. The ECCU is the foremost national conference for ECC educators. Researchers and clinicians from around the world, the experts behind the BLS, ACLS, and PALS guidelines, present at the ECCU.

New 2005 Revised ACLS and BLS HCP Examinations

The AHA just announced release of new ACLS and BLS-HCP exams that replace the previous (2001) exams.

Key updates include inclusion of EMS specific versions and changes in scene settings, scope of practice and terminology (e.g. the term fibrinolytic rather than a generic drug name). The order of questions has also been changed. Please note there are **no new guideline changes** that necessitated changes in questions.

Course Directors can now administer the EMS versions to individuals that work within that scope of practice. All versions of the exams test the same objectives, so deciding which exam to use is really based on preference and best fit to the student, rather than necessity. For a course made up of students from multi-disciplinary backgrounds those students with an EMS background could take the EMS version while MDs and RNs take the standard version. The student answer sheet has a blank under or next to the student's name where the student should write in the version of the exam they are taking. This way, the instructor will know which answer key to use. The ACLS Provider exams include a general pretest that is used by all students.

The new versions of the examinations were not ready in time to be included in the FY05 MTN Program Support CD-ROM. The MTN will distribute the 2005 examinations primarily by email. Program Directors and Administrators are encouraged to copy the files to CD-ROM and securely store it as a companion disk with their MTN program disk. ACLS and BLS Program Directors/Administrators that would prefer to receive a new MTN Program Support CD should contact their respective program manager.

As you update your printed examination materials, the MTN reminds you to protect examination security. Here are some guidelines: 1) please destroy/shred old versions of the exam; 2) keep reproduction to the minimum required to support classroom operations; 3) do not share or distribute electronic versions, and 4) administer the examination in a proctored setting.

HS AED update

The required HS AED update for all BLS Instructors is included in the recent BLS Program Administrative support CD-ROM mailing to BLS Program Directors. Program Administrators should place document completion of the update. This update was originally available only through American Heart Association WebCast. Instructors who did not complete the update must view the file, under the HS-AED directory on the BLS Program Administrative Support CD-ROM

New Teaching Materials

The AHA plans to publish new scientific guidelines this December which will result in new teaching materials (textbooks, tool kits, etc). The MTN recommends Training Sites inventory their current teaching materials, quantify needs, and begin the planning/budgeting process for replacement of teaching materials in FY06. Purchases of current materials should be minimized.



Inside Administration

Training Site Addresses

The MTN ships accountable items including testing materials and wallet cards to CONUS-based training sites via FedEx. FedEx does not deliver to post office boxes. Therefore, please submit your complete address, e.g. building number or street address on your BLS Semi-Annual, Annual Reports and additional card requests. Here are a couple examples:

Building address:

5000th Medical Group
ATTN: MSgt Orville Wright
Bldg 1, Room A6-100
Middle of Nowhere AFB, ND 12345

Street address:

Army Reserve Center
ATTN: CPT America
0001 Hero Lane
Fort Livingroom, WY 12345

Using FedEx and package tracking has nearly eliminated occurrences of accountable packages not reaching the intended recipient. However, on rare occasions packages are received by the unit mailroom and then misplaced within the facility. The MTN requires a Commander/Commanding Officer signed memorandum requesting a replacement shipment. Your diligence in submitting accurate mailing addresses will hopefully preclude future problems.

New Training Site Staff

We have noticed a large turnover of Program Directors and Program Administrators in the last 6 months. If the Program Director or Program Administrator has deployed for an extended time period, PCS'd, or ETS'd since the FY04 Annual Report, please submit the a PD nomination packet or copy of the completed PA appointment form IAW the MTN Handbook, October 2004.

The BLS Semi-Annual Report cannot be processed if the MTN Director has not appointed a new Program Director at your facility.

Program Administrators

Program Directors as of October 2004 have the authority to appoint their Program Administrators (PA) by completing the appointment form located in the MTN Administrative Handbook. Training sites need only submit (fax/email) a copy of the completed PA nomination form to the MTN in order for us to update our database. The original nomination form is maintained at your Training Site.

Training Site Faculty Reminder

Also, as of October 2004 Program Directors have the authority to appoint, renew and revoke Training Site Faculty (TSF) status. New TSF cards were sent to all programs. TSF appointment and revocation criteria are located in Chapter 2 of the MTN AH. TSF status is transferable upon PCS unlike the prior Affiliate Faculty. Program Directors must maintain their TSF status and only the Director, MTN can appointment/renew a Program Director as a TSF. Program Directors are asked to submit a TSF appointment package to the MTN 30 days prior to their wallet card expiration date. See the memo,

under the Handbook directory on your BLS Program Administrative CD-ROM, for more details.

Post Course Reports

When submitting Post Course Reports to the MTN, please remember to complete all sections on the Record of Course form prior to faxing/mailing to the MTN. Several sites have submitted incomplete forms, lacking Program Director/Administrator signatures and/or verification of adherence to infection control guidelines. Complete all requested information on the Grade Report form to include participants name, rank, branch of service and corps. This attention to detail is required to fulfill program management standards and greatly improves turn-around time for Continuing Medical Education letters.

Needs Assessment Survey

In January, the MTN sent a Needs Assessment Survey to all training site Program Administrators and Directors. Thank you in advance for taking the time to fill this out and return it. Your feedback will help us to better serve you.



Advanced Trauma Life Support

New Forms

The new ATLS Post Course Reports, Coordinator, Course Evaluations & Critiques forms can be download at

<http://www.facs.org/trauma/atls/course/course.html>

Please download the PDF documents to your computer using Adobe Acrobat Reader. The Student Course Initial Assessment Performance Evaluation forms are available on pages 685 – 712 of the faculty manual.

7th Edition

All Training Sites should now be using the new 7th Edition teaching materials. Courses now include interactive presentations and it is imperative that all faculties are updated and familiarized with the new

materials. Faculty can be updated formally or informally. Here are examples of accepted update options:

- Attended the ATLS Workshop in July 2002
- Attended the update session for Committee on Trauma in March 2001, Tampa, FL
- Attended an ATLS 7th Edition course
- Attended an ATLS Instructor 7th Edition course
- Pre-course Faculty meeting where the Course Director reviews the *Overview of Changes*

Course Coordinators ensure all faculty review the *Overview of Changes* and related slides prior to teaching. Please submit documentation of the ATLS 7th Edition Update with the Post Course Reports. The form can be downloaded at <http://www.facs.org/trauma/atls/updateform7ed.pdf>



Ruth's Ruminations

Ms. Ruth Sullivan is the MTN Program Assistant and central hub of day-to-day operations. As the only MTN civilian, she has seen Program Managers come and go; Training Site Affiliate and Re-affiliate; but most frequently she sees your paperwork. Last year, she coordinated action on over 3000 pieces of correspondence. The MTN and all our training sites rely on Ruth's administrative skill, and diligence. Here are a couple of Ruth's suggestions to help expedite processing your packages:

- Try not to misfeed your fax machine. Every month a few folks send us blank faxes. Because they are blank we cannot contact the sender.
- While you are waiting for the MTN to process your correspondence, do not fax, email, or mail duplicates of the same package. Rather call Ruth at (301) 295-0964 or DSN 295-0964 or email her at rsullivan@usuhs.mil with your inquiry as to the status of the original request.

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BLS Program Manager (Navy / Other)
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ATLS Program Manager
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PALS Program Manager
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Information Manager / Webmaster
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Program Assistant
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If you cannot reach your respective Program Manager, please call the main number.